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| Norihito NAITO, et al. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2852 |
| Application No.: 10/701,451 |) | |
| | : | Confirmation No.: 7604 |
| Filed: November 6, 2003 |) | |
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| For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND |) | April 28, 2004 |
| METHOD OF SENSING AMOUNT OF | : | |
| REMAINING DEVELOPER IN IMAGE |) | |
| FORMING APPARATUS | : | |

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-English patent document and counterpart English language abstract are also enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required

for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

U.S. Patent No. 6,415,112 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 2000-206774, both of which are cited herein.

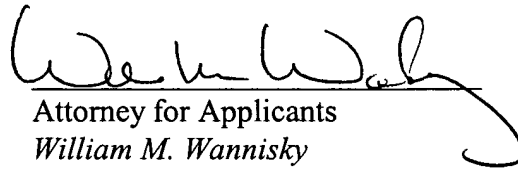
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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